

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A keyboard having keys for receiving input comprising:
2 a plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard;
3 a peripheral support for enabling keyboard support between the hands of a
4 user to receive input at the keys from the digits of the user; and,
5 a transparent portion of the keyboard enabling view from the top of the
6 keyboard to the digits of the user at the bottom of the keyboard during the input.

1 2. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and
2 wherein:
3 the peripheral support for enabling keyboard support between the hands of a
4 user to receive input at the keys from the digit of the user includes peripheral sensors for
5 detecting the hands supporting the keyboard; and
6 a circuit interconnected between the sensors and the keyboard for activating
7 the keys on the rear side of the keyboard.

1 3. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and
2 wherein:
3 a key for activating the front side the keyboard only whereby digital input of
4 the keyboard is restricted to the keyboard at the front side when the key for activating is
5 depressed.

1 4. A keyboard having keys for receiving input comprising:
2 a plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard;
3 a peripheral support for enabling keyboard support between the hands of a
4 user to receive input at the keys from the digits of the user;
5 an electronic device communicating with the keyboard;
6 a display interactive with the electronic device including input from the
7 keyboard;
8 an application program accepting input from the keyboard and having output
9 to the display to indicate function of the application program;
10 an image of the keyboard superimposed upon the application program
11 including individual keys on the display side of the keyboard.

1 5. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and
2 wherein:

3 an interface for varying the transparency of the image of the keyboard relative
4 to the application program.

1 6. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and
2 wherein:

3 the image of the keyboard superimposed upon the application program
4 includes differentiating the image of individual keys from the remaining keys to indicate
5 proximity of a digit to a key.

1 7. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and
2 wherein:

3 the differentiating of the individual key includes differentiating of the key to
4 indicate data input.

1 8. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 6 and
2 wherein:

3 the differentiating of the individual key includes differentiating of the key to
4 indicate digital proximity to the key.

1 9. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 6 and
2 wherein:

3 means for superimposing on the image of the keyboard indicia indicating
4 proximity of a digit to the key includes a sensor located proximate the key.

1 10. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and
2 wherein:

3 the electronic device is attached to the keyboard.

1 11. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and
2 wherein:

3 the electronic device is integral to the keyboard.

1 12. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and
2 wherein:

3 the keyboard includes indentations at the sides thereof for receiving support
4 for the keyboard from the hands of a user.

1 13. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and
2 wherein:

3 the keyboard includes indentations at the sides thereof for receiving support
4 for the keyboard from the hands of a user.

1 14. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and
2 wherein:

3 the keyboard has connections for connections to an electronic device, the
4 connections chosen from the group consisting of direct electrical connections, infrared, and
5 Blue tooth.

1 15. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and
2 wherein:

3 means for moving the image of the keyboard relative to the display indicating
4 function of the application program.

1 16. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and
2 wherein:

3 the plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard
4 includes a first keyboard half and a second keyboard half; and
5 a central hinge enabling the first keyboard half to fold overlying the second
6 keyboard half.

1 17. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and
2 wherein:

3 the plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard
4 includes a first keyboard half and a second keyboard half; and
5 a central hinge enabling the first keyboard half to fold overlying the second
6 keyboard half.

1 18. The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1
2 further including:

3 the plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard
4 includes a first keyboard half and a second keyboard half; and
5 a central support and display area for electronic appliances is placed between
6 the first keyboard half and the second keyboard half.

1 19. A process for input through a keyboard comprising the steps of:
2 providing a keyboard having a plurality of keys for receiving input from either
3 side of a keyboard;
4 providing a peripheral support to enable keyboard support between the hands
5 of a user to receive input at the keys from the digits of the user;
6 supporting the keyboard between the hands of a user with the digits extending
7 to an underside of the keyboard; and,
8 providing a transparent keyboard to enabling view of the keyboard during the
9 input from either side of the keyboard; and,
10 inputting data to the keyboard with the digits of the user and viewing the digits
11 of the user at the transparent keyboard.

1 20. The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 19 the
2 providing of the transparent keyboard includes the further steps of:
3 inputting data to the front of the keyboard.

1 21. The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 19
2 wherein this step of providing a plurality of keys includes:
3 providing a plurality of transparent keys; and,
4 imprinting indicia on the transparent keys for enabling identification of the
5 input of the keys from either side of the keyboard.

1 22. The process for input through a keyboard of claim 19 wherein this step
2 of providing a plurality of keys includes:
3 providing peripheral support about the plurality of keys for receiving input
4 from either side of the keyboard; and,
5 placing palm sensors at the peripheral support; and,
6 activating the keyboard upon the sensors being contacted at the sides of the
7 keyboard.

1 23. The process for input through a keyboard of claim 19 and wherein the
2 inputting of data to the keyboard includes;
3 detecting the support of the keyboard between the hands of the user; and,
4 enabling the plurality of keys for receiving input from back side of the
5 keyboard to receive input from the underside of the keyboard when support of the keyboard
6 between the hands of the user is detected.

1 24. A process for input through a keyboard comprising the steps of:
2 providing a plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of a
3 keyboard;
4 providing a peripheral support to enable keyboard support between the hands
5 of a user to receive input at the keys from the digits of the user;
6 supporting the keyboard between the hands of a user with the digits extending
7 to an underside of the keyboard;
8 providing an image of the keyboard on the display having a view from the top
9 of the keyboard during the input, and,
10 inputting data to the keyboard with the digits of the user while holding the
11 keyboard and viewing the display.

1 25. The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 24 and
2 including the further steps of:
3 providing an image of the keyboard includes providing indicia indicating input
4 of data at a key.

1 26. The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 25 and
2 including the further steps of:
3 providing an image of the keyboard includes providing indicia indicating the
4 proximity of a digit at a key.

1 27. The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 24 and
2 including the further steps of:
3 providing an electronic device having a display that receives input from the
4 keyboard and has output indicating the function of an application program running in the
5 electronic device; and,

6 superimposing an image of the keyboard overlying the output indicating the
7 function of the application program.

1 28. The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 24 and
2 including the further steps of:
3 providing the display on an electronic device.

1 29. The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 27 and
2 including the further steps of:
3 providing the display integral to the keyboard.

1 30. The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 24 and
2 wherein the provided display of the keyboard having a view from the top of the keyboard to
3 the digits of the user and includes:
4 providing a first display at the keyboard having a view from the top of the
5 keyboard to indicate the proximity of the digits of the user to the keys; and,
6 providing a second display at the keyboard having a view from the top of the
7 keyboard to indicate the contact at the digits of the user to the keys for input.